

AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING STATUS OF ALL CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please replace pending Claims 1 and 18 with amended Claims 1 and 18, as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) A garment hanger comprising:
at least one generally arcuate member having a first end and at least one second end; and
at least one generally spherical-shaped member,
wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member is carried proximate to said at least one second end of said at least one generally arcuate member and said at least one generally spherical-shaped member receives and supports the garment.

2. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said first end of said at least one arcuate member defines a generally hook-shape.

3. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member is a ball at least approximately two inches in diameter.

4. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said hanger is formed from a moldable material.

5. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally arcuate member and said at least one generally spherical-shaped member are integrally molded.

6. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, further comprising at least one generally non-slip surface carried by said at least one generally spherical-shaped member.

7. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member comprises a material selected from the group consisting of plastics and elastomers.

8. (Original) The hanger of claim 7, wherein said material comprises expanded polystyrene.

9. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least one generally spherical-shaped member carries a plurality of surface protrusions.

10. (Original) The hanger of claim 1, further comprising means for fixably attaching said at least one generally spherical-shaped member to said at least one generally arcuate member.

11. (Original) The hanger of claim 2, wherein said generally hook shape of said first end of said at least one generally arcuate

member comprises a section having substantially flat surfaces defining at least a portion of said hook shape.

12. (Original) The hanger of claim 11, wherein said arcuate hook shape has at least one generally hemispherical indent therein, whereby said generally hemispherical indent serves to stabilize said hanger facing forward when positioned on an external support.

13. (Original) A method of hanging an object comprising the steps of:

a) obtaining an arcuate hanger having a first end, a second end and a ball-shaped support carried at said first end thereof;

b) hanging said second end of said arcuate hanger on an external support; and

c) hanging an object on said ball-shaped support of said arcuate hanger.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said ball-shaped support is at least approximately two inches in diameter.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said ball-shaped support has a non-slip surface thereon, and further comprising the following step:

d) positioning a garment over and substantially covering the surface of said ball-shaped support for retention thereby.

16. (Original) A clothes hanging apparatus comprising:

a plurality of hanging arms, each comprising a ball end, an arcuate shaft and a hanging end; and

means for interconnecting said plurality of hanging arms.

17. (Original) The clothes hanging apparatus of claim 16, wherein said means for interconnecting comprises at least one connecting rod.

18. (Presently Amended) A garment hanging device comprising:

support frame;

at least one extension arm, having first end and second end, wherein said first end is secured to said support frame; and

at least one ball attached to said second end, wherein the garment hangs on said at least one ball.

19. (Original) The garment hanger of claim 18, wherein said at least one extension arm comprises at least one upper extension arm and at least one lower extension arm, and wherein said at least one ball comprises at least one upper ball attached to said at least one upper extension arm and at least one lower ball attached to said at least one lower extension arm.

20. (Original) The garment hanging device of claim 19, wherein said support frame is secured to a surface and said at least one

upper ball extends approximately a diameter beyond said at least one lower ball in a direction away from the surface.

21. (Original) The garment hanger of claim 18, further comprising at least one ball attached proximate said first end and at least one ball attached between said first end and said second end approximately midway therebetween.